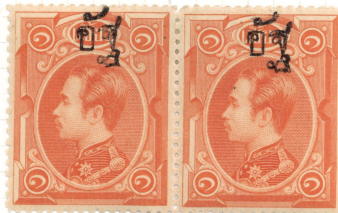


1889. The Handstamp Surcharges.The sub-types of Type 1."Al" on Sic

Sub-types "a" and "b" both have the cross-bar between the two loops at the bottom of the character entire that is reaching from one loop to the other. They are distinguished from each other by the shape of the "accent" and by the width of the base of the character entire.

Sub-type 1^a

Sub-type 1^a is the commonest of all these handstamps.

Sub-type 1^b

Sub-type 1^c approaches very closely to Type 3.

Sub-type 1^c

Sub-types "c" & "d" are characterised by an incomplete cross-bar to the last character, that is, one which does not reach the right hand loop. They can be distinguished from one another by the shape of the lower portion of the last character and specially by the size of the angle at the right of the base.